

REMARKS

The claim amendments herein reflect communications between the Examiner and Applicants' representatives during July 21-22, 2004 in which agreement was reached that the amendments herein would place the claims in condition for allowance.

CONCLUSION

Based on the preceding arguments, Applicants respectfully believe that all pending claims and the entire application meet the acceptance criteria for allowance and therefore request favorable action. If the Examiner believes that anything further would be helpful to place the application in better condition for allowance, Applicants invites the Examiner to contact Applicants' representative at the telephone number listed below.

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